

## THE WOODING.

I saw her coming through the wood,  
My pretty one, my dear;  
I said: "You will marry me,  
I'll wait for you a year.  
And I'll give you a silver gown,  
And I'll give you a ring,  
And you will marry me  
In the coming of the spring."

My love she tossed her pretty head  
As she went on her way,  
And said: "You're in a hurry, sir,  
For it's a married day.  
She had a basket on her arm,  
And she began to sing,  
And she went on into the town  
To do her marketing."

She stayed to rest as she came back  
Upon a fallen tree;  
She'd bought a ribbon for her hair  
And put it in for me;  
And then she sat and wondered what  
The coming year would bring;  
And oh, I think she'll marry me  
In the coming of the spring.

—Cassell's Family Magazine.

## META WOODRUF.

By Mrs. Addie Dettch Frank.

## CHAPTER X.

The first part of the evening passed by very pleasantly, for how could it do otherwise, when Hal Harris and Meta were present? Meta played and sang, her sweet, full voice penetrating to every part of the room. Arthur stood by her side and turned her music, as Hal was too much fatigued to allow his precious feet to support his heavy body another moment. Song after song Meta sang, and yet Arthur was not satisfied, and begged her to sing another. But at last she jumped up from the piano, making room for others.

Mr. Woodruff conducted Gerie to the piano. Seating herself, she sang in her soft, sweet voice "Love's Request." At this point the curtains were drawn aside, and Dr. Grey entered through the open window softly, afraid the fair singer might be disturbed by his presence. No one moved to welcome him, for all read in his face something more than the voice alone of that girl was capable of exciting. How plainly she uttered every word:

"Now the day is slowly waning,  
Evening's breezes softly, softly moan;  
Will thou not heed my complaining?  
Canst thou leave me thus alone?"

"Canst thou thus unmoved behold me,  
Still untouched by love-love so deep?  
Nay, thine arms more closely fold me,  
And thine eyes begin to weep."

When she had finished singing her song, Dr. Grey stepped forward, taking her hands in his, shook them warmly.

"Indeed, Doctor, I did not know I was singing for you."

"Had you known it, Miss Harris, I dare say you would have selected a different song."

"You are right, Doctor; something more suitable to your nature."

"And may I ask what it would have been?"

"It most assuredly would not have been a song of love, for I have heard that you are very much opposed to such nonsense as that termed love."

"Oh, nonsense, Miss Harris; you must not believe everything you hear."

"Yet, from all appearances, I should judge that it was true. Am I not right, Uncle?"

"I rather think you are, Gerie. Yet because a man at forty is not married that is no sign that he has never been in love."

"I would pity him if he had not been. Wouldn't you, Mr. Braden?" interrupted Meta.

"In what way would he be to be pitied?" asked Arthur.

"In not knowing what real life and happiness are. How desolate his life must be whose heart has never been warmed by love for some one whose very existence seemed a part of his own."

"You must surely have had some experience in this line, Miss Woodruff, as your words and actions indicate," said Arthur.

"I am too young to think seriously of such things, for myself at least."

"You did not think so a few weeks ago, Miss Meta," interrupted Mrs. Woodruff.

"Allow me to be the judge of my thoughts for the past, Mrs. Woodruff. Perhaps you might enlighten us a little upon this subject."

"Sometimes 'speech is silver but silence is gold'—in this case I think it would be the latter. Therefore I decline making any further remarks."

This subject, which had almost terminated so disastrously, was destined to cause the parting of Lina Woodruff for her step-daughter to seek forth with renewed warmth. She must have revenge at once. As she sat in her chair rocking back and forth, she was beautiful in her wrath; her eyes sparkled, her cheeks were flushed and her hands trembled. The first evening of that visit at Woodruff Hall was not as pleasant as it ought to have been, and not one of its inmates were sorry when Dr. Grey said good night and departed for his own home.

Next morning there was not the faintest trace left of the unpleasantness of the night before. Meta and Gerie were busy preparing their baskets, as they were going fishing. Lina and Arthur were out in the park admiring the flowers, while Mr. Woodruff and Hal were in the library talking over some business matters. Let us follow the lovers, who have just disappeared behind a clump of trees.

"I can not endure her, Arthur; she is the one person in all the world I despise."

"How unfortunate, since you are compelled to live under the same roof."

"For a time only."

"What can you do, Lina, to prevent it?"

"She will have to find other quarters. This is my house, and I mean to be sole mistress of it," she said in a determined voice.

"You surely would not be so unkind, so heartless, as to separate a father and daughter who are so lovingly devoted to each other," Arthur said.

"Call me heartless or anything else you please, for it is you that made me so."

"Lina, you are doing me a great injustice, and you know it. Do you think by saying and talking as you do that you can still retain my love?"

"If for one instant I thought you did not love me, I would kill you and then put an end to my own existence."

"For God sake, Lina, do not talk this way. You make me forget that you are the woman I almost loved, and in her place stands demon before me."

"Oh, you are afraid of me. You know I mean what I say."

"I am not afraid of Lina Woodruff, but of that devil which is within her."

"Arthur Braden, when you promise me that if I am ever free again, you will make me your wife?"

"I will, Lina. But God grant that you may never be, as Meta Woodruff would have to lose her father."

"And what difference would that make to you?"

"In the short time I have known Mr.

Woodruff and his daughter, I have learned to like them very much. I would not like to see this beautiful girl, just entering into womanhood, stricken with such grief, for next to you, Lina, I care more for her than anyone else."

"And may soon care even more for her than me."

"I do not think there is the least danger of that; if I did, I would not remain here another hour."

"It would do you no good if you did love her, as she is already engaged."

"To whom?" Arthur asked, excitedly.

"To Eugene Hay."

"Impossible, as he is to marry his cousin."

"I hope you are right, for Clive has refused to allow Meta to marry him."

"How long, Lina, is this kind of life to be kept up? I am already tired of it, and intend to return to New York with Hal."

"You must not, Arthur. If you do I will follow you."

"What do you mean, Lina; are you losing your mind?"

"No; there is no such good luck in store for me."

"Then are you not aware of the disgrace that would follow such an act?"

"What do I or would I care, since with you alone am I happy."

"You must not, shall not do this."

"You are using strong language to the woman you love. You are not like my Arthur of old."

"No, I can though I love you with all my heart, I mean to try to keep out of the path of temptation into which you are trying to lead me, and enter that pointed out to me by your step-daughter. It is true that I loved you and would have married you long ago, had I been brought up to work, and had I known how to earn a living for you."

"Love you yet, and if Mr. Woodruff is called away by death, before you or I are, I swear to you that I will make you my honored wife; but in no other way will I ever allow you to go with me."

"But what if he outlive me?"

"I shall then remain until my death, as I am now, a lone, desolate man."

"Mister Braden, day am waiting for you. Everything am ready, am Miss Meta, her say come at once," Flo said, as she came bounding out from behind a tree.

"Thank you, Flo; tell them I will be there immediately," answered Arthur.

"One word, Flo; how long have you been here?" asked Lina.

"It am twelve on five year, missus."

"I mean how long have you been behind the tree?"

"Ever since you would kill Mister Braden for he did not love you."

"Leave us, Arthur, as I have more to say to her than I wish you to hear."

After Arthur had gone Lina attempted to step Flo, but missed her aim and scratched her hand against the tree by which Flo was standing.

"You shall be sent away from here immediately. I will have none such as you around me. Go, pack your clothes at once, and leave the place."

"Hark! you better take a little time to think on this matter," said Flo.

"I mean what I say."

"Den so does I. Guess you can't make me go, 'cause I ain't no nigger. I is hired by Miss Meta," said the girl independently.

"That can make no difference, as I am mistress here now."

"It is no matter, but 'fore I does guess I had better tell Mister Woodruff 'bout de klesin' in de tal'or and de—"

"For the love of heaven, girl, be still. Keep my secret; remain here and I will be your friend," interrupted Lina.

"I don't want no' friendship, cause you don't mean it. You hate Miss Meta, am I want you to hate me?"

"You are right when you say I hate her, but I have a just cause in doing so. Flo, have pity on me and keep my secret," pleaded Lina Woodruff.

"Yo' frien' I can never be until you is a true woman and a true wife to yo' blessed husband. Yo' secret I'll keep, accordin' to yo' actions."

"Flo, I have humbled myself more than I ever expected to, in asking you, a colored servant, to be my friend."

"Ah, Missus, even though my face am black, I has got a free soul; an' ef you don't quit yo' bad ways, you'll be glad to humble yo'self ter those as am beneath Flo, not only in color, but in character."

Lina Woodruff could say nothing to Flo, as she knew she had her in her power. And as she was silent, Flo turned and ran back to the hall.

Unfortunate woman! What a great mistake she had made in marrying one man and loving another. Not satisfied with that, she was trying to wreck the lives of those she disliked, and, unknowingly, of the one she loved.

Do you pity her in her wickedness and misery? Only in one way, that her mind was so depraved, her heart so wicked that, had some one pointed out to her the right, she was not capable of accepting it, or would not have chosen it; for in choosing the wrong, she thought to hold that which she was slowly but surely losing—Arthur Braden's love.

Meta had said she believed him to be true at heart, and he was. It was Meta Woodruff who had laid bare his own heart to him, who had shown him the folly of his love for a married woman, and how dishonorable his actions were in deceiving the man who had welcomed him so cordially to his home, and introduced him to his family as a gentleman. It was after he had studied over this that he went on his mind to return to New York with Hal. After Flo returned to the Hall and Meta and her companions were off on their fishing excursion, Mr. Woodruff sauntered out into the park and soon came across Lina, still standing where Flo had left her.

"What is the matter with your hand, Lina?"

"I accidentally scraped it against a tree," said she; she had told her husband a falsehood.

"And Braden left you a—"

"He left me no command," she interrupted. "Do not worry, it is only a little scratch. There is Jack with the mail; remain here, Clive, and I will bring your letters to you, as it is too pleasant out here to remain indoors."

"You may have your way. If there are letters for Meta lay them on my desk."

Lina entered the library just as Jack was going out, and she soon returned to her husband with several letters for him.

"Was there no mail for Meta?" asked Mr. Woodruff.

"None, but two for Gerie and her brother and several for Arthur, while I am doomed to disappointment as usual."

The day was long and lonely to Lina, while to Meta and her companions it passed by only too swiftly. Arthur Braden enjoyed himself as he had not done for years before. While Hal was as lively as a small boy, and it was not until the next day that she had turned toward home after sunset, as Hal had insisted upon waiting until then to try his luck at fishing. But all his fond hopes were blasted when he pulled up his line and found he had caught nothing but a mud-turtle.

Meta was very much disappointed in not receiving a letter from Eugene, as it was now over a week since she received his last. But she made up her mind not to mar the pleasure of her guests by looking sad and unhappy. Throughout the whole evening she remained the same mirthful girl she had been during the day. It was on this evening

that Arthur Braden first awakened to the fact that he cared more for Meta than he would like to have acknowledged to Lina Woodruff. As they here followed his every move, she noticed how much more attentive he was to her that evening than usual, and her heart burned with anger and jealousy.

Dr. Grey dropped in during the evening, and managed to monopolize Gerie's society. Hal nudged him, and wondered if his sister would ever accept that old cove, as he termed him, for a husband. Mr. Braden was out on the porch smoking a cigar. The beautiful moonlight shone down on Meta's mother's grave, and as he stood gazing at it, a large tear coursed down his cheek.

He was thinking of the beautiful girl who eighteen years ago that very night he had brought to Woodruff Hall, his bride; as unlike the one he had chosen to fill her place, and whom for the present he has forgotten so entirely. We will leave him here watching over the grave of his innocent dead.

"Well, Meta, what is your programme for to-morrow?" asked Hal.

"A sail as far as the light-house, taking our lunch with us and remaining there until toward evening, thence home again with chess to pass away the evening."

"That will be splendid. What glorious moonlight; suppose we go out for a stroll through the park."

"I am with you, Hal. Mr. Braden, you will of course go with us?" said Meta.

"Two being company and three a crowd, I think I must decline your invitation with thanks," Arthur replied.

"If you refuse to go I shall be compelled to remain also, as I could never think of going with my cousin alone, knowing that perhaps I might be compelled to carry him to the house."

"Then, I most assuredly will accompany you."

"Best, do not disturb the true lovers yonder. Now, the one who can catch me before I reach the old pine tree, shall be my partner at whist to-morrow evening," said Meta, gaily.

"Not only at whist, but for all day, say?"

"All right; one, two, the day after we sail, with Arthur and Hal after her. But before she had made half the distance, Arthur touched her shoulder, and with a cry of delight claimed her as his partner for the whole of the next day. How he wished it for the whole of his life, yet he knew how utterly impossible it was for him to even think of such a thing, as he was not worthy the love of the innocent girl.

Hal was greatly disappointed, and felt vexed at his failure in not catching his cousin, but said nothing. On their way back to the hall they met Dr. Grey and Gerie. Mr. Woodruff had returned to his wife, but she seemed the least inclined to talk, and when Dr. Grey had said good-night she excused herself and retired to her room.

"Well, Gerie, from all appearances my wish in regard to your marriage will soon be granted, although the fortunate fellow is a little old."

"Do you really think so, brother?"

"Think so, when his hair is almost white?" Perhaps I am mistaken or am color blind."

"No, you are right; he is rather old, yet he is so kind, so noble, that I am only too glad to number him among my friends."

"Nothing more, my sweet sister?"

"That is a question which, if I asked myself, I would not answer."

(CONTINUED TO-MORROW.)

## A TALK WITH McDONALD.

What He Thinks of the President-Elect and the Political Issues of the Day.  
(Chicago Inter-Ocean.)

When the Hon. Joseph E. McDonald, of Indiana, he returned to the Palmer from the Ironclad Club last evening and had lighted his cigar for a quiet reflective smoke, he had to make a change in his programme as he sat in his comfortable parlor to bid a reporter for the Inter-Ocean come in and take a chair. When his visitor had been cordially treated by this big, benignant and distinguished Hoosier, who had been waiting to escort to a Cabinet position, Mr. McDonald was shortly asked:

"What do you think of Mr. Cleveland?"

"Well," replied Mr. McDonald, with a friendly smile and judicial deliberation, "I think he is a man of a good deal of what is called 'virtue.' Whereupon the reporter ventured a liberal interpretation to the effect that Cleveland is a hard man to move, but a good deal of a man when he gets going. Mr. McDonald smiled assent, and continued:

"Mr. Cleveland, I believe, 'Holdfast,' or 'Steadfast,' was one of Bunyan's favorite characters in his 'Pilgrim's Progress,' wasn't he?"

"I think so," McDonald, with a smile that lent significance to the use of the figure.

"When he exercises the active principle of this inertia what is he going to do?" asked the reporter.

"I take it Mr. Cleveland is a Democrat, and in his administration he will navigate by Democratic landmarks."

"Think, perhaps, Mr. McDonald, that any of these landmarks might be removed?"

"No, sir; these landmarks are the cornerstones on which the Government rests."

"Going to set up any new stones?"

"I don't know of any."

"Is the civil service law one?"

"Mr. Cleveland has voted for that law if he had been in Congress."

"Why?"

"For a variety of reasons. For instance, there is the principle underlying the law of perpetuity in office, and that I object. It is not according to the genius of our institutions. It goes back too much to British models, and necessarily carries with it in time a civil list of pensioners."

"But having the law, what would you do?"

"I believe it the duty of the executive to enforce it."

"And you believe Cleveland will enforce it?"

"Yes; I believe he will. The Constitution enjoins on the President as one of his chief duties that he take care that the laws are faithfully executed."

"You believe Mr. Cleveland's recent letter a fair expression of his purpose in this regard?"

"Yes, a fair and clear exposition of his intention regarding it. He is not a man given to double dealing, or to double entendre, nor does he intend, that anything should be read between the lines. As to decided cases of partisanship with civil service employees, which is the case you suggest, I think he will undoubtedly exercise whatever power of removal he has under the law, leaving to the Senate the right to do as it pleases in the matter. Yes, I believe he will retain a faithful public officer until his term expires, and he will not, I think, feel any obligation to reappoint him."

"And Mr. McDonald, what about the South and its cry?"

"I don't think the clamors from the South will be very much different from those of any other section. I think the great pressure upon the administration will particularly be at its beginning; but I don't think, as they say, that the clamors from the South will be greater than those from other sections, and I don't think

the people of any other section. I speak, remember, from what Mr. Cleveland said, and because he spoke as the representative of the Democratic party. As to the negro question, which you bring up, I will say I expect less discrimination with reference to class or color, and greater freedom generally so far as the Federal Government is concerned. I think, regarding legislation upon such a question, that this is one of those cases in which negative action by the Federal Government is better than positive action."

"As to tariff, Mr. McDonald?"

"While I have decided views as to what is the sound policy of the Government in this regard, I am not one who favors a radical change, especially when such might very seriously and unduly affect the values of property; but I think we ought to address ourselves to the task of removing all burdens from foreign imports that in any form enter into the manufacturing industries of the country. Yes, I would continue the internal revenue on whisky and tobacco, reducing some, but not the base on the wool, especially upon its production, since it is an agricultural production and should not be especially discriminated against. As to legislation concerning the railroads I might say that the whole question of interstate commerce must eventually be dealt with by the Federal Government. The railroad systems are outgrowing the State and State law. Yet conditions must work into form first, and things should not be interfered with which may adjust themselves."

"What do you think of Randall's trip South?"

"I don't think Randall will strengthen himself by his trip South. Mr. Randall is the representative of a local interest. His dominating interest is one that he never will be able to impress upon the country."

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has arrived—protection, I mean, per se. Secretary McCulloch put that in a terse form when he said that in the leading articles of manufacture we have reached the point of over production, and there is no market for our surplus because of the cost of production. I think that Randall sees what the necessary consequences are, and he is endeavoring to shape his views so as not to antagonize what is inevitable. We must become a manufacturing people, and we must have cheaper material than now to make up. We want to make up so as to sell at home and abroad too. There is no danger about our home market when we can send our surplus to other countries."

"As to the Cabinet, it is a matter in which the President is expected, and I believe he will in this instance be the sole judge as to whom he shall invite into it, and I think he will endeavor not to discriminate against any section."

In short, Mr. McDonald pleasantly summed up what he considered would be Democratic doctrine under the new administration by repeating the intention in the way of a good anecdote, which appears upon Indiana's stone in the Washington monument: "No North, no South; nothing but the Union." By the order of Governor Wright it was engraved there, and Mr. McDonald says it stands for Indiana's broad catholicity to the end of the world.

Mr. McDonald asserted that, of course, only cordial relations existed between himself and Mr. Hendricks, who, by coincidence, occupied a neighboring parlor in the Palmer last evening. Mr. McDonald is in the city on law business.

## Mrs. Langtry's New Dresses.

[New York Telegram.]

One of these has a corsage and train of deep rose-pink velvet, the former finished at the waist with deep rounded tails. The long train falls back from a skirt front of white velvet, stamped with large gold flowers, and the skirt is finished with a train of a scarf of rose-pink crêpe. Another evening dress is in lilac velvet, embroidered with silver. The sides of the skirt are edged with silver embroidery and cross in front, one side being raised to show the underskirt in lilac satin, finished with a ruche in satin and lilac crêpe. The one of this dress is exceedingly delicate and beautiful. A third evening dress is in white satin, the train elaborately looped and meeting side panels of violet velvet. The skirt front is worked with bouquets of violets in natural colors in satin and lilac crêpe. A toilet of white tulle had side panels of white satin studded with silver dots, the tulle draperies, both on the train and skirt front, being covered with side tucks. Of the walking dress one was in sage-green cashmere trimmed with gold braid and having a velvet underskirt of the same color. A dress in dark smoke-colored velvet had a skirt front in chaboudon satin, veiled with black tulle embroidered with large roses in gold. A very superb visiting dress was in sage-green velvet, the back of the short skirt caught up in elaborate and graceful drapery. It was open up the front and each side of the opening was bordered with a wide band of lophophore feathers, the underskirt showing within this opening, being entirely composed of lophophore feathers. The effect of this dress was novel and costume was indescribably superb.

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